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Applicants:	A.G. Daifotis et al.		
Serial No.:	09/445,837	Case No.:	20002YP
Filed:	December 13, 1999		
For:	METHOD FOR INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION		

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner:
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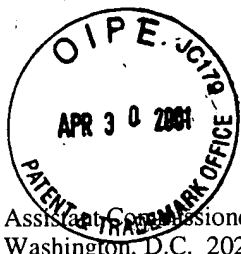
Entry of the following Third Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. This amendment supplements the Preliminary Amendment of December 13, 1999 and the Second Preliminary Amendment of June 13, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 53-56 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim.

-- Claim 57 (New Claim). A pharmaceutical composition comprising 91.35 mg of alendronate monosodium trihydrate. --



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
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Independent Claims	* _____	-	*** <u>3</u> =	<u>0</u> X	\$80	= <u>0.00</u>
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